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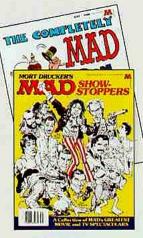


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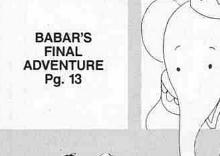
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-Alfred E. Neuman

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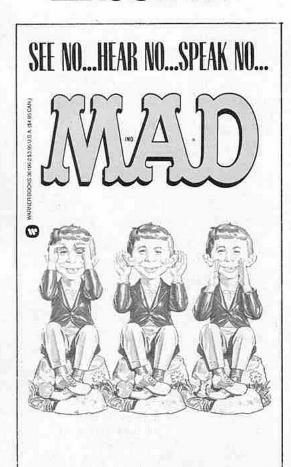
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### **CLOSE YOUR EYES: COVER YOUR EARS: SHUT YOUR MOUTH: NOW YOU'RE READY TO** ENJOY...



Every once in a while a book comes along that can transform an entire generation. While waiting for such a book to come along, this book can really help kill the time for you!

> -William Mildred Farnsworth Higgenbottom Gaines IX Publisher, MAD Magazine

#### LETTERS AND TOMATOES DEPT.



#### **DINO-SORE**

Once again, you guys should be ashamed. After all, a mag with your reputation for scientific accuracy should've realized that the pterodactyls and dimorphodon in Sergio Aragones's "A MAD Look At Dinosaurs" (#300) aren't dinosaurs! The pterodactyl lived at the same time and belonged to the archosaurs, but are not strictly dinosaurs. The dimorphodon was an ancestor to dinosaurs and mammals. Not only this, but the pterosaur on page 8 has too many fingers and the ceratopsian dino shown in the film lived several million years after the last sauropod. And none of the dinosaurs sat around in swamps. Aside from that, I enjoyed the

Amy Lashmit Essex Jct., VT

Your letter reminds us of a Brontosaurus...You know, the one with the PEA-SIZED BRAIN???!!

#### MORON MAIL

Thirty years ago I found a dirty copy of MAD laying in a street gutter of Daytona Beach. My Mother scolded me and told me not to pick up trash from the street. Now, my son buys and reads MAD on a regular basis. That was my first look at MAD and I've read many copies since trying to find something of value in what you publish.

Charlie Carlson Sergeant-Major USA (Ret.) Daytona Beach, FL

There is no value in what we publish! You've wasted a third of your life. Now you're wasting your son's life too. In some cultures, people are fed to live snakes for less! Oh, one more thing: Your Mother was wrong telling you not to pick up trash in the streets. That's how most of the MAD staff met their wives!—Ed.

#### LICENSE TO ILL



James Mollo of Staten Island, NY sent us this spiffy photo of his Volkswagen Jetta sporting a "Potrzebi" license plate. We understand he only had money for either the plates or some new seat belts. Real good thinking, James!!

#### WHAT, ME SAUDI?

Hello from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I am currently deployed as a part of Operation Desert Shield. My squad and I are avid readers of MAD and heartily enjoy the humor your magazine displays. We recognize the originality in your humor and conclude that that is why we are kept laughing from cover to cover.

We recently acquired (by chance) a wellused copy of your December issue featuring The Simpsons. We laughed hysterically and our morale was boosted. Unfortunately, that is the only issue we have seen. What we were wondering is if maybe you could send some issues. Thanks for taking time to read my

Specialist Robert A. Bauman Chicago, IL

Editor's Note: Starting with #300, MAD, in cooperation with its printers and suppliers, began sending 25,000 free copies of each issue to our troops in Saudi Arabia. Unfortunately, there are a lot more than 25,000 soldiers over there. So, instead of trashing your issues, why not send them to our Armed Forces at this address:

For land-based troops:
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OPERATION DESERT SHIELD
APO NEW YORK 09848-0006

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I'm a U.S. Marine helicopter crew chief serving in Saudi Arabia. I read a copy of your mag that another dude had sent to him over here. Thanks for putting the New Kids on the Block in their place! If they're so great, why don't they enlist and serve their country? Better yet, let's draft them and make them grunts and cooks! A job well done, MAD strikes again!

Lcpl. Robert T. Holomshek Saudi Arabia "Semper-Fi"

We have a better idea—How about you and your Apache Attack Helicopter circling by Donnie's house!—Ed.

#### IT DOESN'T ADD UP

My Math Professor at the University of Delaware, Jon Manon, has raised the consciousness of his students regarding the derogatory image of math in the media. Of course we could expect such appalling misrepresentations from television, but not from such a highly respected publication as MAD! I was therefore shocked and dismayed to see you portray mathematicians as "nerds, dorks and wimps" on page 26 of issue #300. On behalf of my Professor and mathematicians everywhere, I request an apology from you.

Peggy Reinholt Newark, DE

Please accept our sincere apologies. It was never our intention to portray mathematicians as nerds, dorks and wimps! Unfortunately, this happened because the artist failed to carry a "2" in his drawing. Actually, we meant to por-tray mathematicians as geeks, dweebs and yahoos! We regret the error, but hope you will award us partial credit for the work shown!



#### 300th issue tributes from our slavishly devoted fans have been pouring in from all over, including this drawing from down south!

I noticed two mistakes in your gala 300th Some of the many others who went against their issue-1) It was funny, and 2) You failed to print one of my letters!

> A.J. Veraldi Los Angeles, CA

A.J.—In this issue, we correct both mistakes!



Issue 300 ... You guys never know when to say when. Oh, well. Congratulations anyway on a job well done. Maybe the next 300 issues will actually be funny and tasteful!

> Russell Howze Travelers Rest, SC

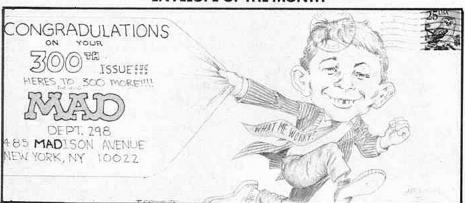
RRRRuss-You're right. We don't know when to say "when"...We do, however, know when to say "Schmuck!"—Ed.

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#### **ENVELOPE OF THE MONTH**



This issue's envelope comes to us from Todd Fronguer of Altoong, PA. Todd's such a nice guy that he had the common decency to remind us the design was borrowed from the cover of our 1965 paperback book, "It's a World, World, World, MAD"! Todd: Next time, check your spelling!

#### **NOTES FROM A HUSSEIN ASYLUM**

I just recently got out of Kuwait. I was supposed to be a member of the American School of Kuwait's Class of '91. So were my friends, but Saddam ruined it for all of us. Now we're scattered all over the world and we can't reach each other. We all liked reading MAD; it was one of the crazy things we had in common. If you could please print my letter and address, I think some of my friends would read it and be able to contact me. Thanks for your help!

Nada Shalaby Cairo American College P.O. Box 39 Maadi, Cairo Egypt 11431

We discussed your request at length, and decided to print your address. We must warn you, however, that you now run the risk of being bombarded with come-on offers promising free Hickory Farms fruitcakes, or worse yet, moronic letters from the thousands of geek, dweeb and yahoo mathematicians who read MADI-Ed.

#### WHY ALL THE WACKENFUSS?

After reading the letters page of MAD #299, I was shocked and bewildered to find out how sorely lacking your science department is in the area of nuclear physics. A young man from Oregon wrote to you with a question about atomic structure and the decay of an element. After he did such a great job of stalling his science teacher for what must've been at least a week, you, in your all-encompassing ignorance, gave him some ridiculous solution involving the Wackenfuss Principle. I don't see how you can expect to retain your standing as a renowned and respected science journal if you keep giving advice like that. What you need to be looking for is the atomic mass number of Helium (4). This tells us that no matter what other information is given in the question, the mass of a Helium atom is always 4 amu!

> Randy Wilkins Norfolk, VA

You nuclear nincompoop! We stand by the Wackenfuss Principle and so would you if you read the latest findings on gases as reported in the December issue of Sassyl—Ed.

#### "MAD REVIEWS THE 21st CENTURY"

In issue #299's "MAD Reviews the 21st Century Ahead of Time," you inferred that Dan Quayle would have won two Presidential elections by 2005. Although the predictions were based on reality, Quayle's political ascension is implausible. I would rather lick the phlegm off of Flipper's blowhole than endure 25 consecutive years of Republican leadership, let alone the MAD satires that would accompany them!

> Bryon Kurzenabe Camden, NJ

Pucker up!-Ed.

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his appearance on "thirtysomething"!

If you missed last summer's big movies, don't despair. They're coming out in videosl And to help you choose the movies you'd like to see, MAD has asked its guest reviewers to render their judgments. (Editor's note: Their judgments might be even sounder if they had actually seen the movies they're reviewing!) So here we go again with MAD's

### VIDEO REVIEWS



WRITER: STAN HART

Hi! I'm Roger Eclair, and the fellow seated next to me is Gene Fishkill, whose foolish and sophomoric opinions supply our show with comic relief!

If my partner could keep his face out of his tyrannosaurus-size box of popcorn for ten seconds he might know what movie he was watching to review! Anyway, our first film is "Die Even Harder 2"! In "Die Harder 1," Goose Willits saved an office building from terrorists during a Christmas vacation...

This time around Goose goes for something bigger! He saves an entire airport at Christmas time! Which shows that, like Toys 'R' Us, Yuletide is his busy season!

SHHH! KEEP IT DOWN!

WHO ARE THOSE CREEPS?

DRUCKER

Tell me, what are these #\$%&\*+ terrorists demanding from us?

They want us to release their captured dictator or else... Or else what?

Or else they'll force all these innocent people to fly on Eastern Airlines! What?!
Those
sadistic
fiends
must
be
stopped!

How could the same thing happen two times to the same guy?

What's so surprising? The same thing happened to us twice... to me three times

.. how about five count 'em, five times to me!

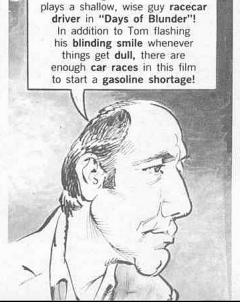




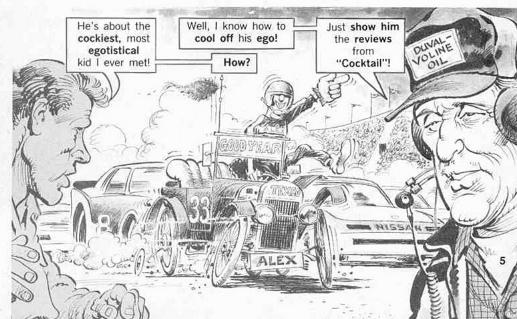






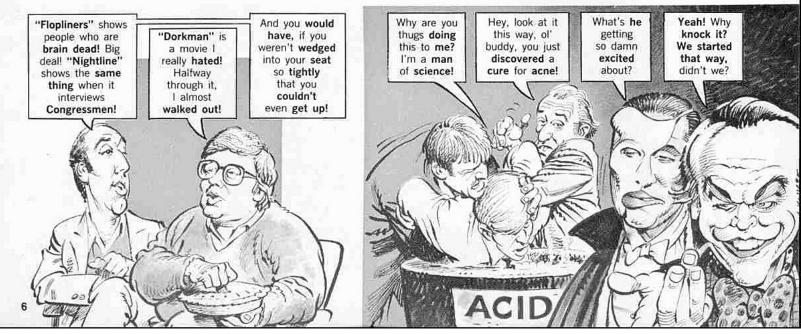


Tom Crude gets totaled when he











#### ACOUSCHTICK DEPT.

In a recent issue, you may recall, we gave a timely and puckish lesson in onomatopoeias! We cleared up the popular misconception that an onomatopoeia is a Rumanian fish delicacy! In the likely event that you missed it, an onomatopoeia is a word that *sounds* like the thing it denotes—like "squish," for example. Anyway, we've continued our exhaustive research into this matter and we're exhausted. But as luck would have it, we've managed to milk another article out of this esoteric pap! We've discovered that if you listen carefully, you'll find that some noises actually sound like famous people's names. Confused? You won't be after checking out these...

# CELEBRIT











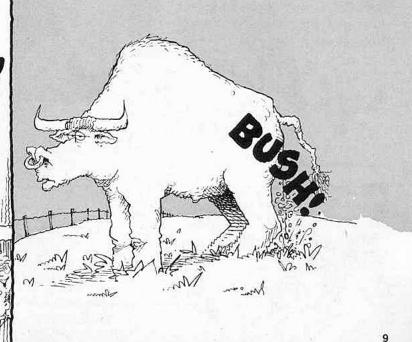
# Y SOUND EFFECTS

ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL









Why do we study history? Because they make us! And because they're right—those who don't remember the past are doomed to relive it! But things never happen quite the same way

**50,000 B.C.** Through sheer will power, man makes it through the Ice Age.



**1860** The Pony Express begins, with riders taking care of the



**2200 B.C.** Lust for immortality spurs the Egyptians to wrap themselves in precious linens.



**1778** Love of country prompts George Washington to spend cruel winter at Valley Forge.





**Today** Through sheer will power, man makes it through the Ice Capades.



**Today** the U.S. Postal Service continues, with employees taking every opportunity to horse around.



**Today** Lust for high office spurs politicians to wrap themselves in precious linens.



**Today** Love of Bon Jovi prompts Sally Greps to spend cruel night in line at arena ticket office. **1787** The Founding Fathers create a new nation at the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.



**2 Billion B.C.** Life forms in a swamp's ancient, soupy goo.



**1839** Samuel Morse sees his telegraph is built and taps out "What hath God wrought?"



**1804** Curiosity spurs Lewis and Clark to go explore the Louisiana Territory.



twice! Sometimes you have to look pretty closely to spot the repetition...or let us look for you! So, without further ado (and just in time for that big test!), we proudly present some

# AMPLES OF HOW SAINS ISSUED

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WRITER: DAN BIRTCHER

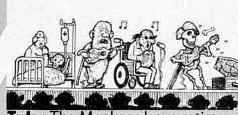


**Today** Fred's father creates a sensation at the Confectioners' Convention in Atlantic City.



30 million B.C. Apes leave the

**1810** Napoleon is painted with his hand in his coat because



**Today** The Monkees leave retirement and regroup on the stage in order to recapture the good life.



**Today** Life forms in a diner's old, gooey soup.



**1620** Desire to be free of England drives pilgrims to the New World.



**Today** Congressmen are videotaped with their hands in the cookie jar because that is the style in D.C.



**Today** Mr. Fiksman sees his telephone bill and shrieks out, "Who in God's name can afford this?!"



**1066** The Normans invade England and make it their home.



**Today** Desire to be free of wife drives Mr. Hanrahan to his basement workshop.

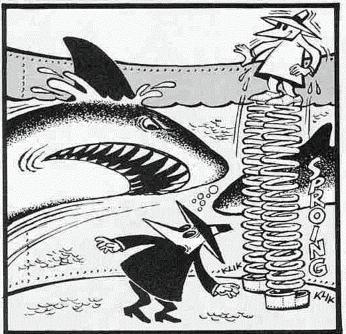


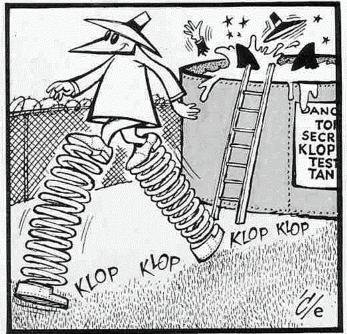
**Today** Curiosity spurs Louis and Claire to consider going to a different bowling alley.



**Today** Norman's uncle invades his apartment and makes it his home. 11







Tens of thousands of kiddies have grown up reading about Babar, the king of the land of the elephants. Babar lives in a kinder, gentler world where everything turns out for the best for the elephants and their friends. Yet who knows? Maybe one day they'll have to deal with the not-so-kind, not-so-gentle real world, and we'll have to read

King Babar and Queen Celeste were enjoying a wonderful picnic

in a happy meadow in the glorious land of the elephants.

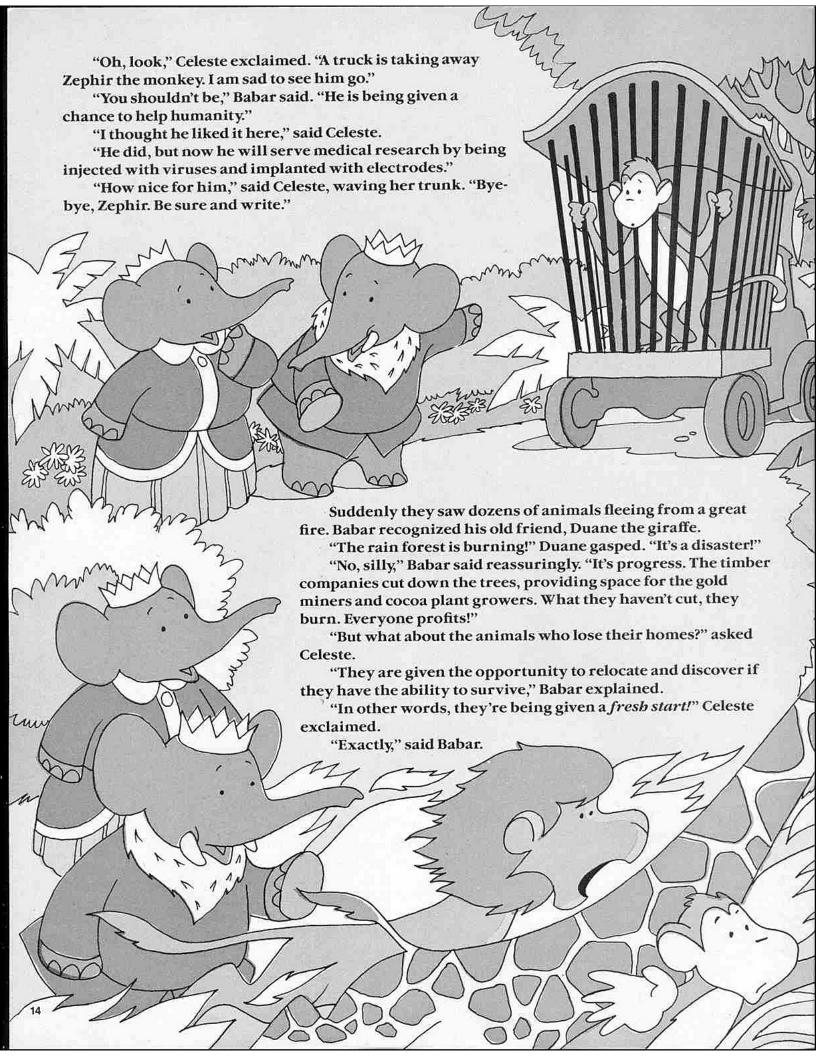
Celeste, who was eating an apple, turned her back to Babar while she threw up. "The apple did not please me," she said.

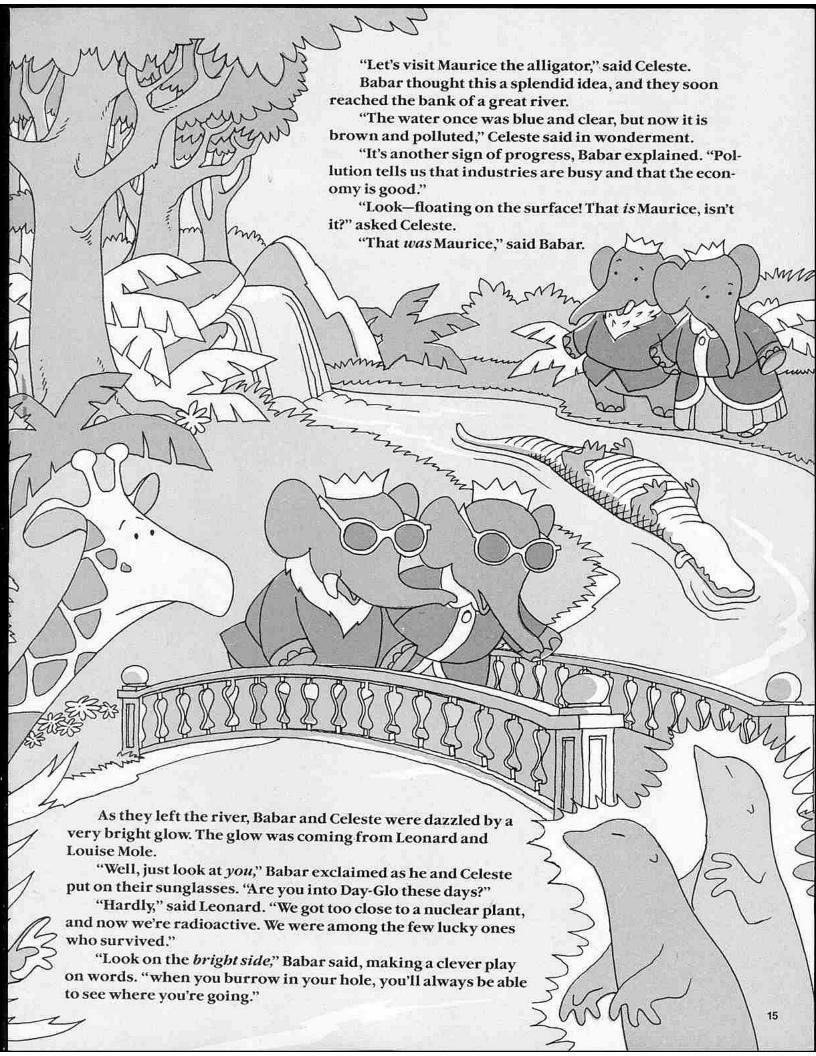
"Of course it pleased you," said Babar. "It had itself sprayed with chemicals so that it was red and shiny and lovely to look at."

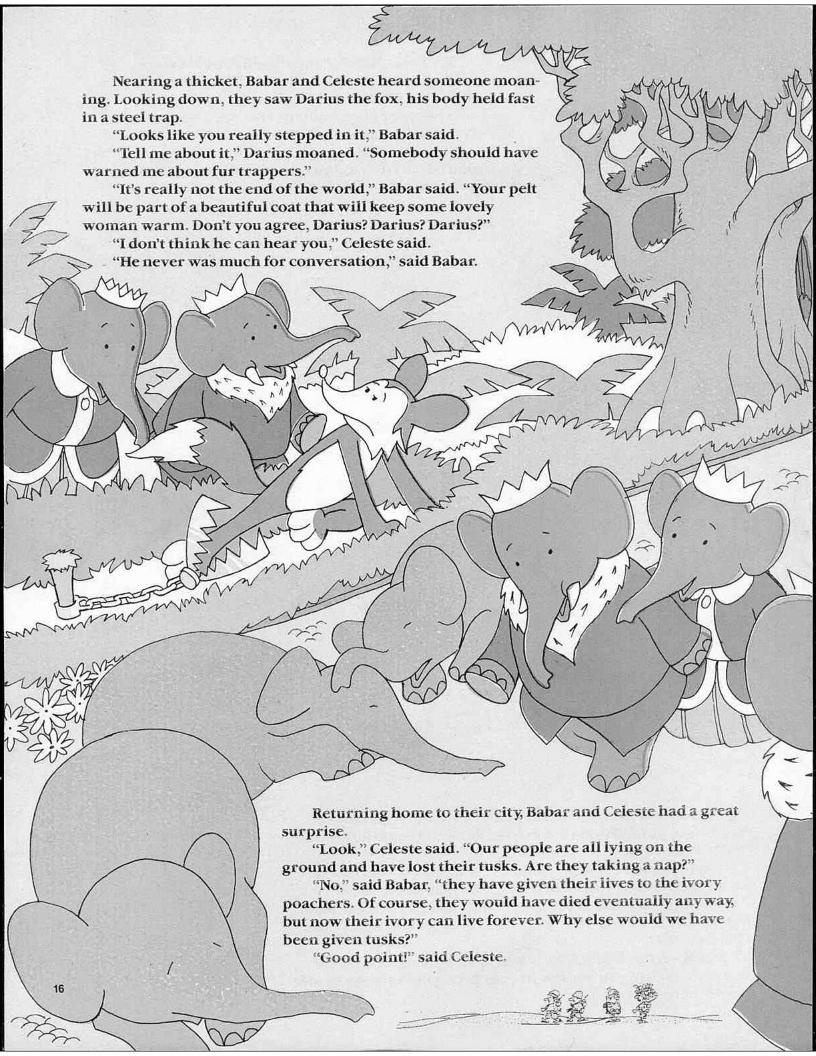
"But it made me sick," Celeste said.

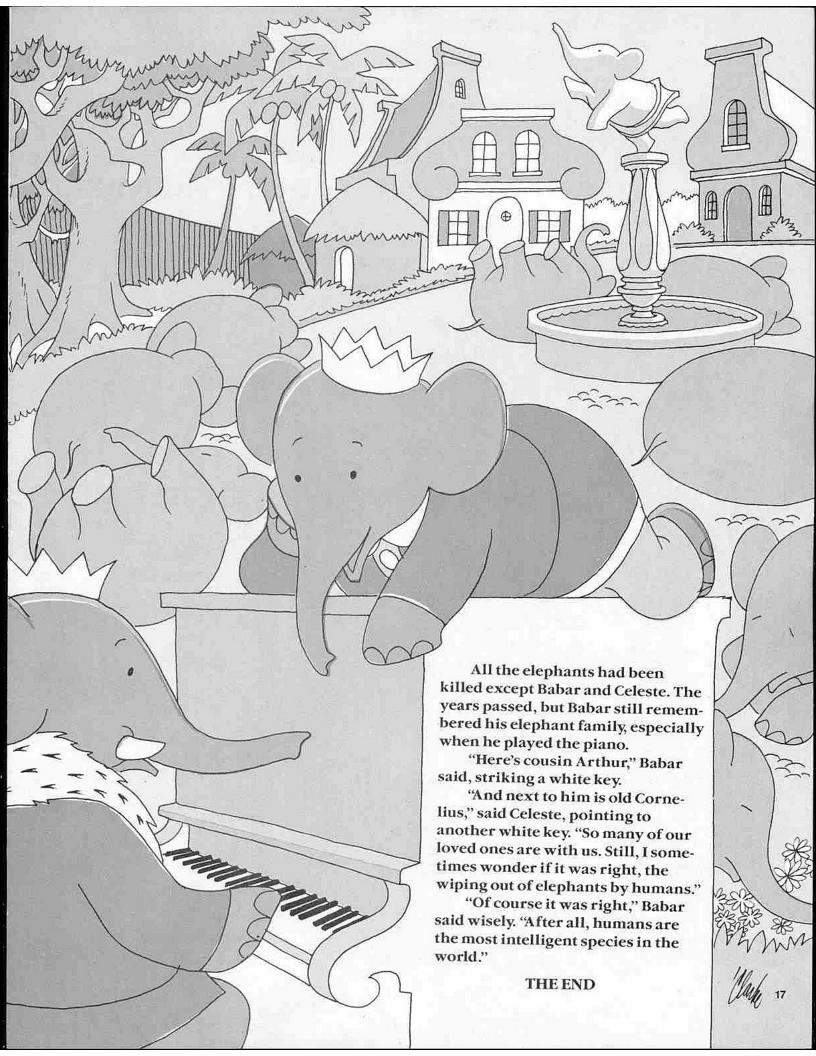
Babar chuckled. "How better could the apple tell you that you shouldn't eat it?"

Celeste threw up again, then smiled. "You're right. It was a most considerate apple."









#### COMPANY TRADEMOCKS DEPT.

The Jolly Green Giant. The Pillsbury Doughboy. Spuds MacKenzie. The California Raisins. The list is endless! All of them the products of an ad executive's limited imagination, and all of them rammed down our throats until they become the beloved symbols of the goods they were

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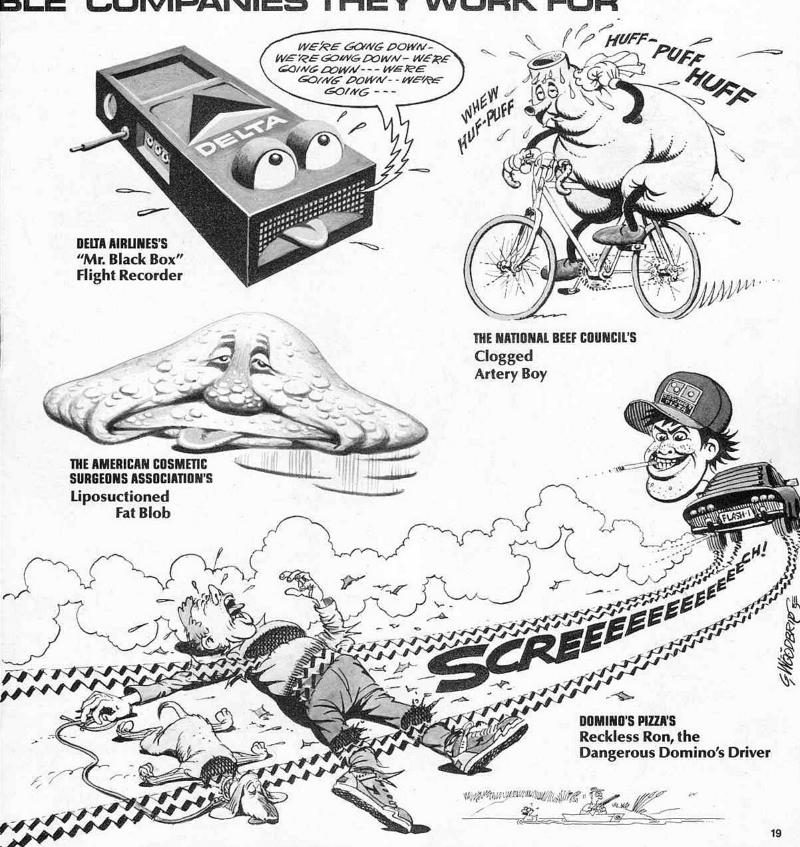
#### THAT BETTER REFLECT THE MISERA



created to huckster for! We've always found something phony about these characters, though. We just don't think they truly represent what their respective companies are like! Besides truth in advertising, we'd like to see some truth in advertising characters! We'd like some...

### S & CORPORATE MASCOTS

BLE COMPANIES THEY WORK FOR



# MAD'S LIFETII VA/ASTE



Time wasted watching fouls during the last two minutes of any basketball game... 25 Minutes Per Game



Time wasted waiting for your luggage to come down the airport's conveyor belt ... Three Years, Eight Months

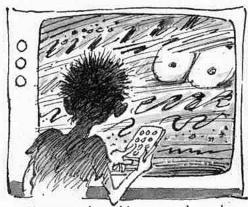


Time wasted listening to people who tell jokes and inevitably forget the punchlines... Six Years, One Day

ARTIST: HARRY NORTH



Time wasted on the telephone for concert tickets, knowing that the scalpers and drug suppliers already have rows 1 through 90... Six Months



Time wasted watching porno channels without a descrambler, in the hopes of getting to see something—anything—good...One Year, Five Months



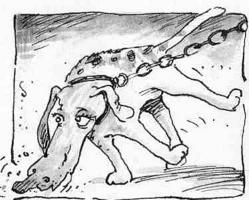
Time wasted sorting through hundreds of Terry Puhls and Bruce Benedicts, looking for a mint-condition Jose Canseco card ... Two Years, Five Days



Time wasted reprogramming your VCR, clock radio, microwave oven, coffee machine, etc., every time there's a brownout ... Two Years, Two Months

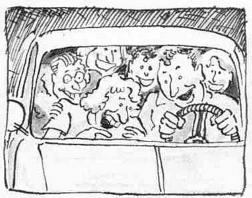


Time wasted waiting other people's turns in Monopoly, when all you've got is Baltic Avenue and the Water Works... Eleven Months, Five Days



Time wasted waiting for your dog to select precisely the right spot to befoul (like it really matters to him!)...Two Years, Seven Months

# MECHARTOF D TIME



Time wasted waiting for the odometer to start over again whenever it hits 99,997 miles or so... Five Weeks



Time wasted making lists of things you have to do, instead of just doing them ... Eight Months, One Hour

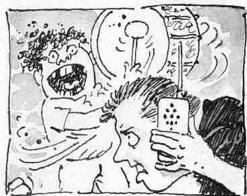


Time wasted waiting for a bus in the rain, until three come...Ten Months

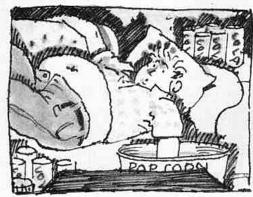
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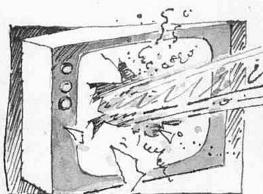
Time wasted at parties being "entertained" by people doing their lame imitations of Saturday Night Live characters... Four Months



Time wasted staying glued to the radio, waiting for the DJ to identify that song you liked 40 minutes ago...One Year, Eleven Months



Time wasted sitting through the Ant Races and Tiddlywinks Semi-Finals, waiting for the ABC Wide World of Sports Feature Match... Two Years



Time wasted watching the last three chapters of a TV mini-series that turned out to really suck, just because you'd already watched the beginning... One Year, One Month



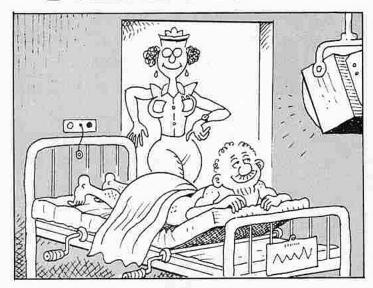
Time wasted by people ahead of you on the highway who feel compelled to slow down and take a long look at the guy staring at his overheated engine... Five Years, Three Months

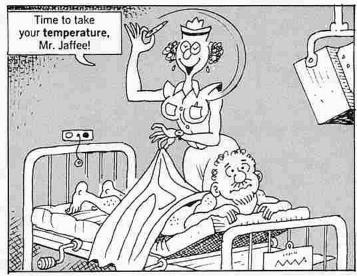


Time wasted studying the menu at a Chinese takeout place, even though it is exactly the same as every Chinese takeout menu in the entire universe... One Year, Five Months

And now MAD presents another installment from our collection of ...

### GREAT MOMENTS IN MEDICINE

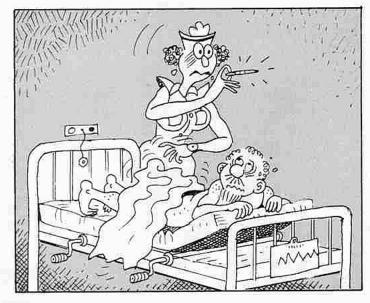














#### ALONG THE SNIDE LINES DEPT.

If you'd been on your toes, you would have seen this one coming! After all, it's become a yearly tradition for us at MAD to blow our stack over all the annoying and obnoxious people, places and things we've recently been subjected to. We feel compelled to fire a barrage of very cruel (but delightfully satisfying!) insults! So, brace yourself again to be jolted by...

## Che MAD CIASTY FILE



#### "THE GOLDEN GIRLS"



- ...never explains the apparent gland condition that made Bea Arthur grow two feet taller than the woman who plays her mother.
- ... provides great entertainment for those who find desperate, oversexed old women to be entertaining.
- ...casts Rue McLanahan as a sex object for the first time since she starred in "The Broadway Melody of 1933."

#### **ROBIN WILLIAMS**



- ...talks so fast that he tells twice as many jokes as other comedians, yet strangely, receives only half as many laughs.
- ...is a lucky man because it's usually very difficult for ranting psychopaths who hold conversations with themselves in strange voices to find their niche.
- ...has a talent for making any character he plays seem exactly like Robin Williams.

#### "ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT"



- ...is for viewers who feel they should watch the news, but who get upset when it's real news.
- ... apparently defines "entertainment" as anything that involves Donald Trump, the Kennedy family or Tammy Bakker.
- ... never answers the most frequently asked question in show business: Is Mary Hart a real person or a robot permanently set on "Smile"?

#### **JOHN GOTTI**



- ...is a businessman NOT affiliated with the Mafia, which we want to emphasize so he won't have us killed.
- ...wears \$1,500 suits, which would be a month's shakedown from one merchant if he was affiliated with the Mafia, which he definitely isn't.
- ...announces every time he goes to court that he's NOT affiliated with the Mafia, and his word is good enough for us.

### **海滨海**

#### **MARION BARRY**



- ...managed to tolerate being the mayor of Washington by sniffing enough cocaine to think he was somewhere else.
- ... feels foolish because dozens of Congressmen who committed the same crimes in the same hotel never got caught.
- ...was driven to drugs after he found out that even Dan Ouayle outranked him in Washington.

#### EXXON



- ...could cut transportation costs by putting all its filling stations on the Alaska beach where its oil already is.
- ...has shown the National Rifle Association that there is more than one efficient way to get rid of wildlife.
- ...has done almost as much for the ecology as George Bush promises to do.

#### **SAVINGS & LOAN OFFICIALS**



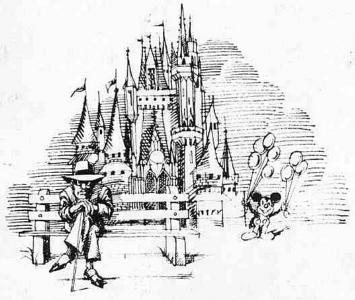
- ...discovered that one can buy a U.S. Senator for about the same price as a run-down condominium.
- ... operated the only successful form of larceny that required people to come to their place of business and wait in line to be robbed.
- ...had to steal large amounts because lawyers who can keep obvious felons out of prison don't come cheap.

#### ZSA-ZSA GABOR



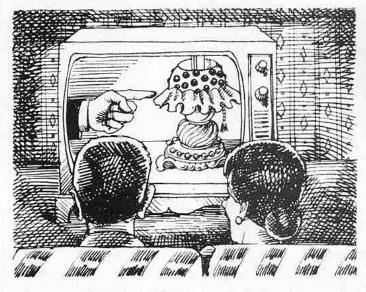
- ...disproved Hollywood gossipers who said she was so untalented that she couldn't get arrested.
- ...can afford to risk physical encounters with the police because she is fully covered by Medicare.
- ...is the only person to become a celebrity by going on talk shows and announcing that she's a celebrity.

#### **DISNEY WORLD**



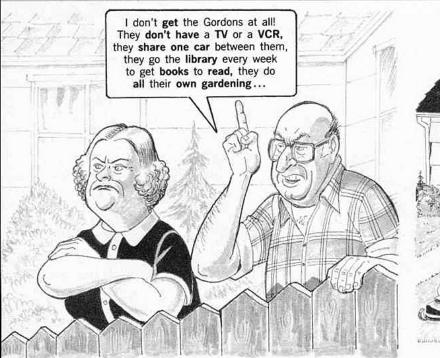
- ... provides a wholesome Florida setting where cocaine traffickers can relax before flying back to Colombia for another shipment.
- ... offers visitors a full day of fun for slightly less than the price of a new Buick.
- ... attracts so many kids that the average age of tourists coming to Florida has dropped all the way down to 59.

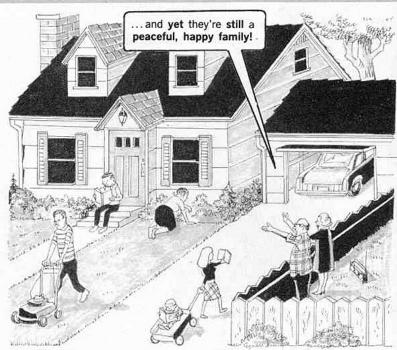
#### **HOME SHOPPING NETWORKS**



- ...are great for those who want to own a decorative brass flamingo, but don't want to be seen in a store buying one.
- ...appeal to the plethora of viewers who find the programming on NBC, ABC and CBS even more boring.
- ...won't be satisfied until every man, woman and child in America is completely covered with cubic zirconia jewelry.

#### **NEIGHBORS**





BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

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#### **CURES**



#### STATUS







# RSIDEOF. ARTIST & WRITER DAVE BERG'

**DRIVERS** 

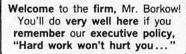




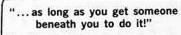
#### RATINGS



#### **EXECUTIVES**









#### **TELEPHONE**

Enough already, Maude! You've been on that phone for over an hour! Your mother and I have to make calls too, you know! I've been meaning to talk to you about that!



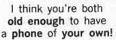
#### **IMPORTANCE**



#### MARRIAGE









#### TRAVEL



#### but I'm afraid they're already over-booked!



#### **FASHION**



And they've got to be so tight I



#### THE OFFICE



#### **GROWING UP**



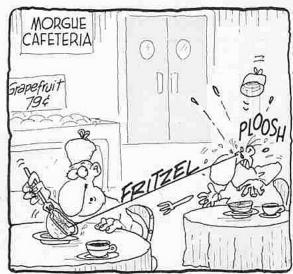
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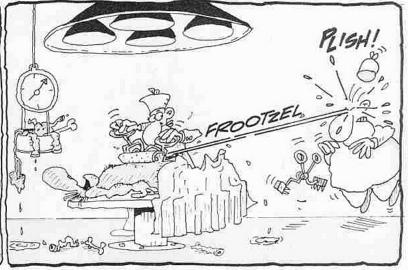


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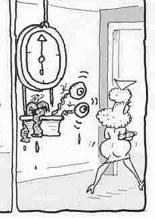


ARTIST AND WRITER: DUCK EDWING









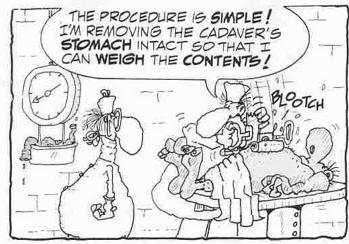










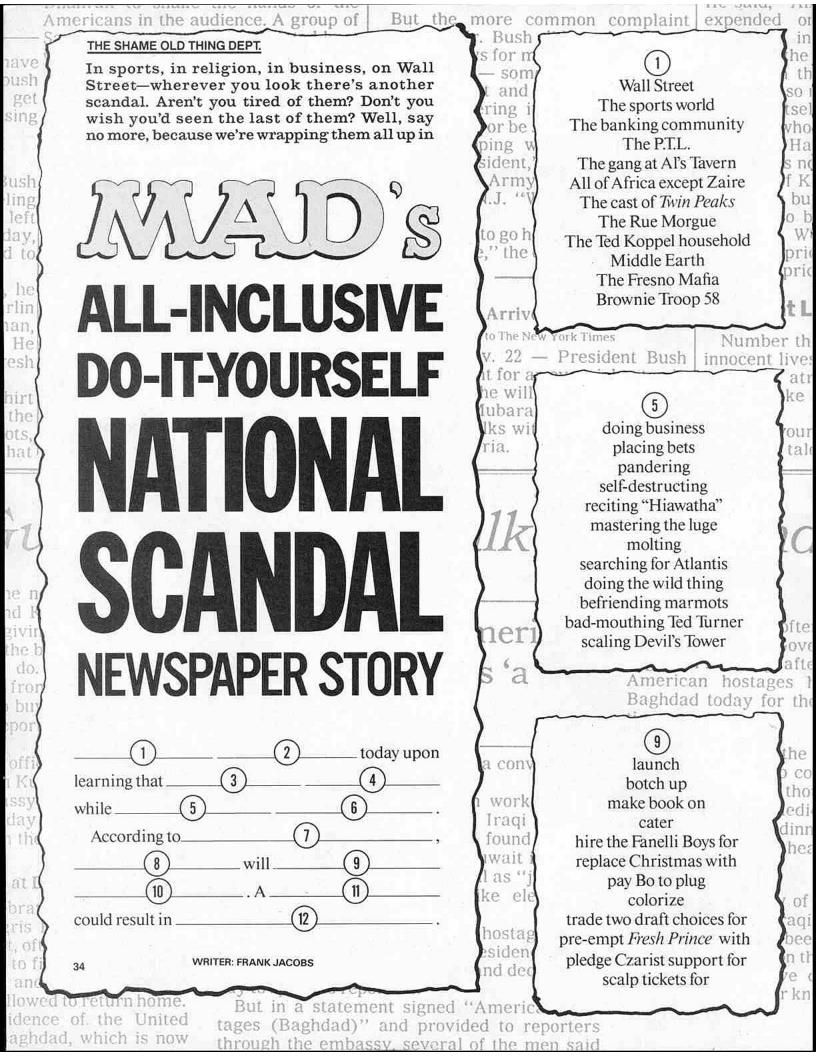












vocates argue, wildlife and conservaider ates profited illegally inside traders was stunned v to Per Pete Rose committed a no-no gasped in horror asa hu Jimmy Swaggart smoked crack halted flossing st son S e Mayor Marion Barry fixed Parcheesi matches underwent a sex change ve om id t came back to AT&T mutant CPAs dated Leona Helmsley ıt ene s al shouted Elmer Fudd curses Rex the Wonder Dog ran the 100 in 4.2 UW ed ( er bred yaks threw up on cue hate prehistoric man set SU Bel Air slumlords did not pass Go astrally projected ona nge bloated ballerinas fondled Vanna White banned pinkie rings oca do 30 the Maytag repair man turned off Slim Whitman seldom bathed , pa are doubled down on 12 rs ( went platinum shy conquistadors ma rvati as Prom Queen runners-up ot opted for Business Class turned to prayer 01 advocates argue that nature is not kind television repor tributed \$517 million to state wildlife either. the protesters programs. And without hunters to thin tion said Mr. the vati She ts a in Washington s th informed sources oods a Senate subcommittee behind the pulpit an Greta Garbo's will e u the SEC Commissioner Fay Vincent in Riverfront Stadium Psalm 51 with Neil Bush David Souter's tailor L.A. Law's Benny on the Exxon Valdez the Monroe Doctrine Radio Free Baghdad uir hobbit tradition Cruex in the dawn's early light the Big Bang theory 20/20 in designer Hefty Bags George Will in a trance a Nostradamus prophecy with the Fabulous Baker Boys Actors' Equity in Tiananmen Square voodoo etiquette at Watusi power lunches dirty little snitches militant heathens in warm Jello the rules of croquet all of Tulsa ed. a slimmed-down Mike Tyson during Major Dad Magna Carta fine print WORLEANS. nurse. Nov. 22 - She was grokking 'Lanny was t a girl from Baltiking ig a conviction ost a full-scale inquiry a lengthy prison term e the well-placed bribe old a grand jury trial are in a lifetime suspension lack of protein 500 an IRS investigation and n four more years of Dan Quayle full moon ra then a new S&L bail-out a very unhappy Shamu her refusal to grovel med a vet another "Rocky" sequel polka rock 111 dash of oregano das vas indec chili cook-offs new interest in Serbian folklore ner dirty carburetor ma men a Manhattan land-rush a bogey 5 as th poorly placed comma upto Jackie Mason's comeback black being mated in two good opening routine oor gı a magnificent forehand the Patagonia Grand Prix high-pitched "Ay Caramba!" rec d to n at Garfield Rolexes a weekend in Wilkes-Barre pam thundering of hoofs ice d end the return of narrow ties high fives all around lers poorly played second half n. is I the dwarf-tossing finals six more weeks of winter rip ssion nurse. The corporate man, Lanny dent at Tulane University. Her family Goldfinch, is now a psychotherapist was Episcopalian. Roman Catholic

## MAD'S MODERN BABYSITTER'S GUIDE TO THE PROBLEM CHILD

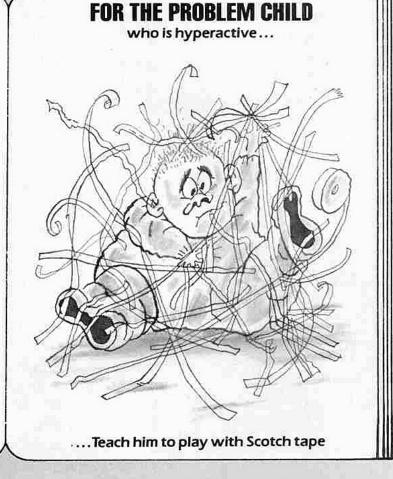








... Put him into his snow outfit





who is a nosy intruder...



FOR THE PROBLEM CHILD

who is a screamer...



... Record his screams and play them back to him on a Walkman

### FOR THE PROBLEM CHILD



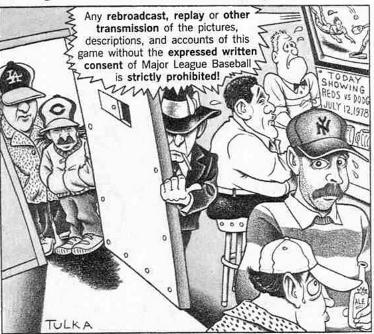
### FOR THE PROBLEM CHILD

who is destructive...



... Make videotapes to use as proof when demanding extra hazard pay

**Did We Miss...**the epidemic of illegal "baseball rebroadcasting" that convinced TV networks they had to interrupt every game with a stern warning against it?



**Did We Miss...**the rash of bankruptcies by movie theaters charging \$7.00 a ticket and \$5.00 for popcorn and a soda that made showing big-screen commercials necessary?



#### CHANGING OUR UNAWARE DEPT.

We at MAD try to stay informed about news and current affairs. We really do! But we must not be "keeping up" as well as we think, because more and more often, we come upon some goofy event or trend that we just can't figure out at all—prompting us to shake our collective head in befuddlement and cry out...

## Did We Mis

ARTIST: RICK TULKA



**Did We Miss...**the daily flag-burnings on every street corner that necessitated something as drastic as drafting a Constitutional Amendment?

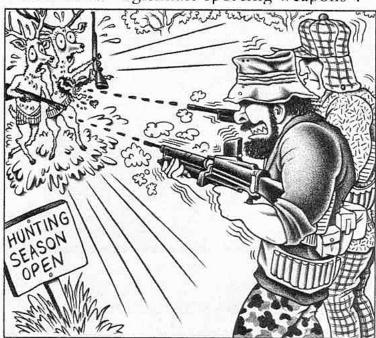


**Did We Miss...**the complete and total solutions to really serious problems which freed up law enforcement officers to turn all their attention to museum art exhibits and dirty rap song lyrics?

**Did We Miss...**the heartfelt apology for the Tiananmen Square Massacre which convinced President Bush that China's leaders are all "swell fellows" again?



**Did We Miss...**the sudden appearance of large heavily-armed wildlife that now makes the NRA defend terrorist assault rifles like Uzis and AK-47s as "legitimate sporting weapons"?



## BS Something? WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



**Did We Miss...** the interpretation of the phrase "Environmental President" that's consistent with vetoing or watering down every anti-pollution bill Congress passes?



**Did We Miss...**the great public outcry over Brent Musburger's absence from TV that prompted ABC to snatch him up for millions after CBS dumped him?



The latest VCRs can be set to record a program two weeks from now, by which time any show worth watching will probably have been cancelled.



Many new cigarette brands have been developed to attract very specific economic and ethnic groups, which means that all Americans now have an equal opportunity to get lung cancer.

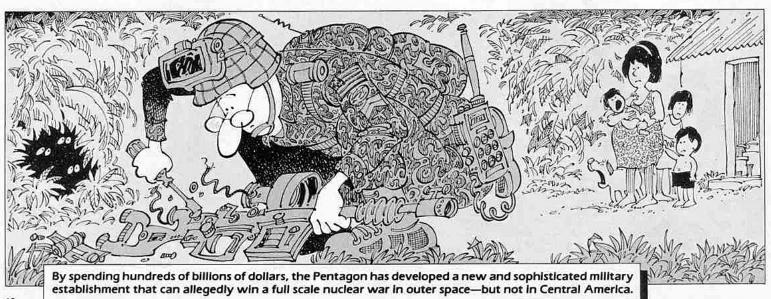
#### THERE'S ALWAYS GLOOM FOR IMPROVEMENT DEPT.

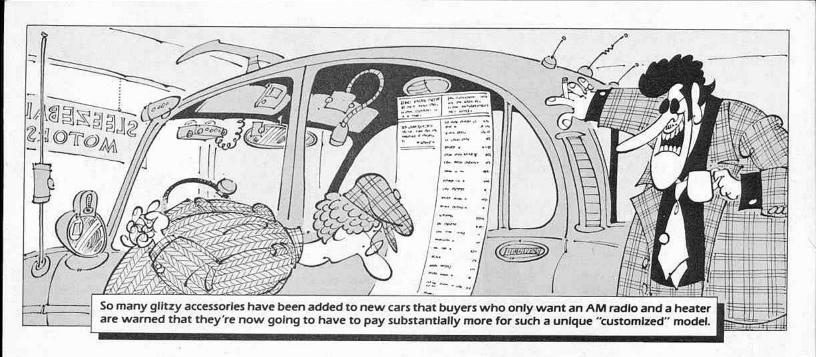
Most Americans know Murphy's Law-"Whatever can go wrong will go wrong!" And you probably know the Peter Principle ("Individuals rise to their levels of incompetence.") and Parkinson's Law ("Work expands to fill the time left for its completion."). But do you know the theory that really explains what's wrong with modern life? Find out! Follow us into the informational void as we take ...

THE MAD MAXIM: "EXPERTS NEVER STOP MAKING 'IMPROVEMENTS' UNTIL EVERYTHING BECOMES IMPRACTICAL!"

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ARTIST PAUL COKER





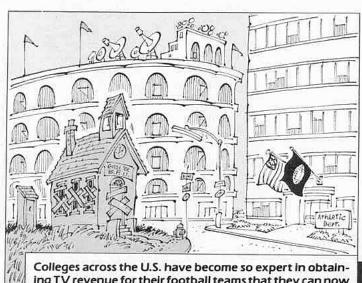
## OK AT

Educators keep writing simpler textbooks hoping that they will encourage underachievers, with the result that bright kids now don't learn anything except how to underachieve.

WRITER: TOM KOCH



To enable more fans to enjoy major league sports, many new expansion teams have recently been formed, all manned by players who definitely belong in the minor leagues.

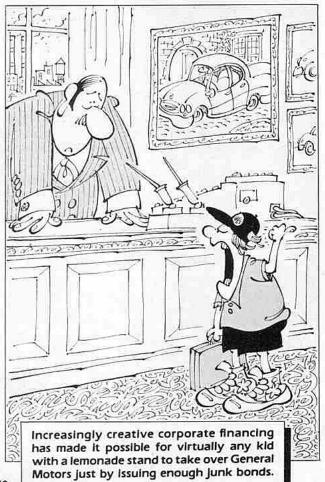


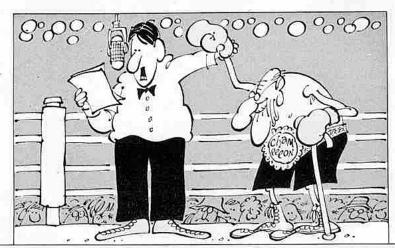
ing TV revenue for their football teams that they can now be profitable without having any real students at all.

## THE MAD MAXIM: "EXPERTS NEVER STOP MAKING 'IMPROVEMENTS' UNTIL EVERYTHING BECOMES IMPRACTICAL!"



The miracle of direct long distance dialing has become so widespread that it is now possible for almost any drunk anywhere in the world to wake you at three in the morning.

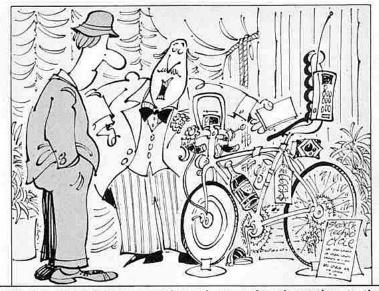




Organizational skill within professional boxing can be thanked for giving us so many different weight divisions and so many different Federations that every fighter in the world is now the champion of something.



Pharmaceutical companies have introduced so many new life-saving drugs that hospital emergency rooms have become filled with scores of people suffering from the harmful side effects of taking them.



Bicycles, which became popular as inexpensive alternatives to the automobile, have been so upgraded that the same people who could not afford to buy a car now also cannot afford to buy a bicycle.

Look!? A guy leaped out a ten story window and landed in a trash can and now he's rolling down the street in it!

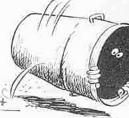
I'll bet he's some undercover cop or a top government agent chasing spies!

Wrong, folks! He's just on his way down to the corner to buy a newspaper!

Really? Then why did he jump instead of just taking the stairs like a normal person?

Stairs? No way! He's got to show off his inane, I mean innate, inventiveness! He's ...





MacGimmick, my landlord is trying to force me out of my apartment! He's made my life a living hell!

Here!

Your business card?

No, The Equalizer's phone number! I don't do "local stuff"!

MacGimmick, my niece supposedly committed suicide but I think she was murdered!

Here!

Your business card?

No, the home phone number of Jessica over at Murder She Wrote! I don't do "murders of



ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

WRITER: DICK DEBARTOLO

MacGimmick, I think my boss is involved in some international conspiracy!

International conspiracy! Great! Here!

This says "Do not pass Go, do not collect \$200"!

Only on one side! Flip it over! I transformed it into my business card!

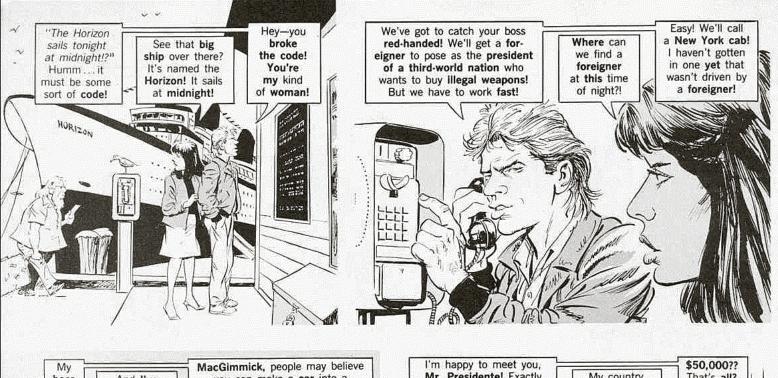
Wow! You really are clever! And CHEAP!

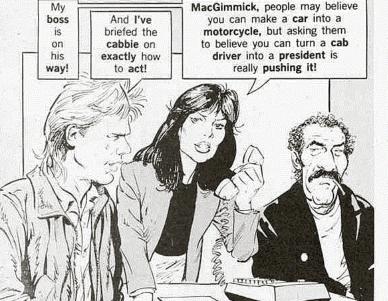


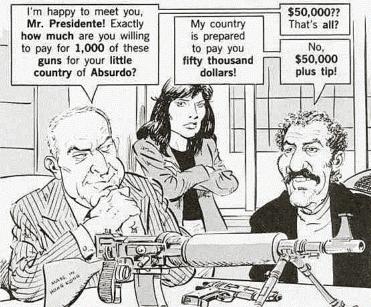




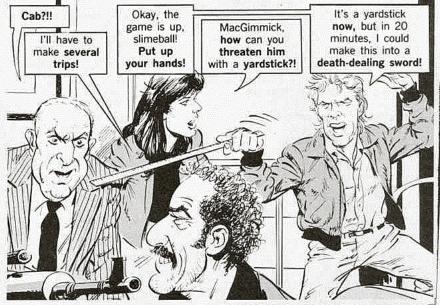










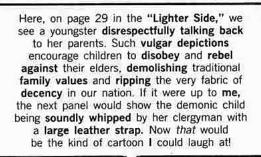




## Hi, Readers! Reverend Donald Wildmon Here!

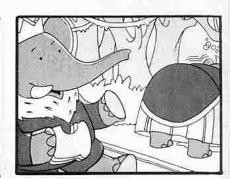
I'm head of the American Family Association in Tupelo, Mississippi! I've made it my job to seek out and raise a stink over anything I find subversive, smutty or sacrilegious! That includes most movies, TV shows, art, books—and yes, magazines!

In fact, I'm here because I found this issue of MAD especially offensive! Take a look at these examples I've selected and I'm sure you'll agree with me!





I was repulsed when I read "Babar's Final Adventure" on page 13. This is a sacrilegious story about deviant elephants that talk like humans. But the bible teaches us that elephants cannot talk (Luke 15:23). The dull-witted tools of Satan responsible for this story are inciting readers to turn their backs on the Lord and make a mockery of Christian values! Even worse, this vile tale begins with this lewd drawing of Babar delighting as a decadent pachyderm—and forgive me for saying this—"moons" him!



Objectionable material is not always obvious.
Often, it takes a trained eye like mine to find it. For example, "Celebrity Sound Effects" on page 8 features this seemingly inoffensive drawing of a man having his insides shot out. This enlarged detail of the picture, however, shows that in the pattern of the gunman's trousers, the degenerate artist has hidden a drawing of a sex orgy, full of depraved, writhing bodies engaged in the most sordid kind of obscene filth. See it? It's clearly there!



See what I mean? This filth must be stopped and you can help! If you threaten to boycott all of the advertisers in this magazine, it will scare the editors and soon they'll be cowering at my feet! That's an idea that really turns me on! Well, I've got to go now, there's a page in Reader's Digest that's really bothering me!



## WHAT HAS GEORGE BUSH'S "READ MY LIPS" CHANGED TO?

## HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS MAD FOLD-IN

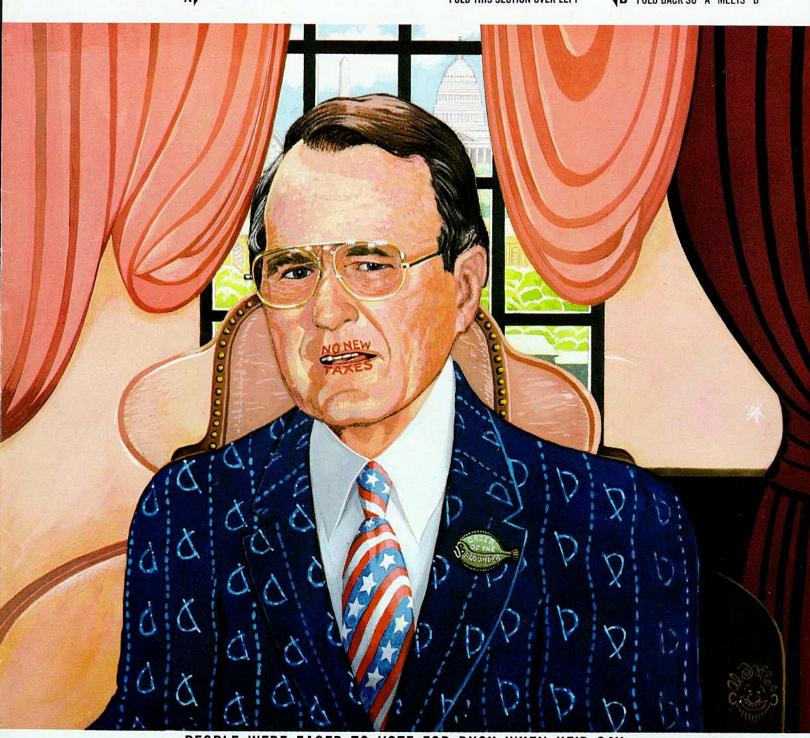
A new message has crept onto Bush's lips lately. To see what it is, fold page in as shown.



A

FOLD THIS SECTION OVER LEFT

**◆B** FOLD BACK SO "A" MEETS "B"



PEOPLE WERE EAGER TO VOTE FOR BUSH WHEN HE'D SAY THAT THEY SHOULD READ HIS LIPS. HE SOON SAW HOW ROUGH THE BUSINESS OF GOVERNMENT CAN BE. THAT'S WHY HE NOW HAS TO MAKE ROOM ON HIS LIPS FOR A NEW PHRASE!

## A SEE 'N SAY FOR MODERN KIDS

## **BIG INDUSTRY SPOKESPERSO**

- 1. Fish like oil-that's why they pack sardines in it!
- 2. Lead, schmed! In 100 years we'll all be dead!
- 3. Do you like jobs? Then shut-up or we'll move overseas!

### MOTHER

- 1. Wipe your feet!
- 2. Wipe that smirk off your face!
- 3. Did you remember to wipe?

## **AMERICAN**

- 1. Putt-Putt-Putt-Putt-Putt-Ug!
- 2. Grind! Crack!
- 3. Errrrrrrrrr -Pfft!

## **SPORTS HERO**

- 1. I'm tellin' ya, there must have been a mix-up at the lab!
  - 2. Gambling? Who, me?!?

### 3. But she looked so much older than 15!

## **MISS AMERICA**

- 1. I intend to be very selective in choosing which shopping mall grand openings I preside over!
- 2. I thought Bert Parks was dead!
- 3. What nude photographs?!?



- 1. It never happened!
- 2. So it happened-I didn't know about it 3. So I knew about it
- -It won't happen again!

- 1. The bitch set me up!
- 2. I have no idea where the money went!
- 3. I shall appeal!

### VICE PRESIDENT

- 1. I'm my own man, but on this matter I support the president!
- 2. I'm an independant thinker, but on this one I support the president!
- 3. There is room for many divergent opinions, but on this matter I support the president!

## **CIGARETTE MAKER**

Cigarette Maker

- 1. Every elevator should have a smoking section!
- 2. Cough! Hack! Cough! Cough!
- 3. The Surgeon General is Satan's tool!

- 1. Who the hell left their damn bike in the driveway?!?
- 2. And just where the hell do you think you're going?!?
- 3. Hey, watch your damn mouth! Where do you pick up such language?!?